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MEMORANDUM FOR : Director, Foreign Broadcast Information Service
THROUGH : Chief, Operations Group
SUBJECT : Monthly Report--Gulf Bureau--January 1986

I. GENERAL

Bureau activity during the month was dominated by events in the PDRY, where Yemen Socialist Party Chairman 'Ali Nasir Muhammad was overthrown by another faction of the party after days of bloody fighting. Beginning on the 13th, the bureau mounted a major effort to keep both Aden and Sanaa radios on open watch while conducting extensive checks of all known Aden radio frequencies and cruising for a broadcaster reportedly being used by the losing side. Aden radio reportage, combined with that of other regional media, on the confused and fluid situation and frequent media behavior reports brought bureau production figures for the month to a record level. By the end of the month, a degree of at least superficial stability appeared to be returning to the country, although only after thousands had died in the fighting and the city of Aden had been extensively damaged.

On another note, the ambassador hosted a morning gathering at the residence for the entire Embassy community on 12 January for an update and discussion of community concerns over security. The meeting, which was attended by FBIS staffers and their wives, also provided an opportunity for the ambassador to introduce the members of the newly established Marine Security Guard detachment for Embassy Manama. The Marines began manning a guard post at the Embassy on 16 January.

II. OPERATIONS

A. Editorial/Monitorial

1. January turned out to be an unexpectedly busy month for the bureau when on 13 January at 1230 GMT Aden Domestic Service in Arabic announced that an assassination attempt had been made against Chairman 'Ali Nasir Muhammad. Later that evening the station abruptly went off the air and was not heard again until 19 January, this time carrying anti-'Ali Nasir material. In the days that followed confusion arose over the reported existence of two radio stations broadcasting from the PDRY. The bureau conducted extensive checks of all known or purported frequencies for Aden radio but was able to hear only one station, the one opposed to 'Ali Nasir and broadcasting on the usual Aden frequencies of 1188, 7190, and 11770 khz. This station remains the only PDRY radio being heard at Gulf Bureau to date.

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The bureau's Arabic section has maintained an open speaker watch on all Aden frequencies since 13 January, as well as constantly checking and cruising for other frequencies on which Aden radio (or radios reported to be broadcasting from the PDRY) have been claimed to be heard by various sources. Due to the confusion reigning in the PDRY, Sanaa Domestic Service in Arabic also was put on open speaker watch from 15-27 January. The bureau's exhaustive coverage of Yemen media has required an extension of bureau operating hours and considerable overtime on the part of monitors, teletypists, and editors, as well as a high degree of dedication and cooperation, to which all employees have responded admirably. Almost 550,000 combined publishable and non-publishable words were filed during the month, the bulk coming since 13 January. With the situation still unsettled at the end of the month, the open speaker watch on Aden continues.

2. On 29 January, Gulf Bureau assumed coverage, until further notice, of the Saudi newspaper Riyadh AL-RIYAD from PMU due to a problem in receipt by the latter.

3. At the request of LRB, the bureau has attempted to monitor a weekly Revolution Guards' program "Psadar Program" on Tehran Television Service in Persian. The program, carried on Wednesdays, has been checked since 15 January but the station has not been received. Checks will continue as part of bureau's normal coverage of Tehran Television Service.

III. ADMINISTRATION

A. Personnel

1. Bureau engineer [] and his wife [] returned to post from EVT on 6 January.

2. There were two promotions for bureau employees during the month. Communications supervisor [] was promoted to FBN-6, effective 5 January, and Persian/Urdu monitor [] was promoted to FBN-10 effective 19 January.

3. Arabic/Kurdish monitor [] submitted his resignation, effective 1 March. A replacement is in processing.

B. Building and Grounds

A first phase of improving the bureau's access control was completed during the month. Lighting of the stairway outside the entrance to the bureau has been substantially upgraded and the CCTV camera for identifying visitors has been repositioned. An improved intercom to supplement the visual identification system and electrical door releases were also installed.

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Chief, Gulf Bureau

ATT: Production Report

GULF BUREAU PRODUCTION REPORT FOR JANUARY 1986

I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH	:	381,310	
TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH	:	163,570	
TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH	:	1,036	
	BROAD CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
II. INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE:	15,854	13,740	191.5
(MINUTES OR ISSUES PER WEEK)			

III. OUTPUT FROM ALL SOURCES:

(PUBLISHABLE WORDS PER MONTH)

AFGHANISTAN

KABUL INTERNATIONAL SERVICE			
IN ARABIC		-0-	
KABUL IN ENGLISH TO			
SOUTH ASIA		2,040	

BAHRAIN

MANAMA DOMESTIC SERVICE IN			
ARABIC		-0-	
MANAMA DOMESTIC SERVICE			
IN ENGLISH		-0-	
MANAMA TELEVISION SERVICE			
IN ARABIC		-0-	
MANAMA WAKH IN			
ARABIC		25,850	
MANAMA WAKH IN			
ENGLISH		12,550	
MANAMA AKHBAR AL-KHALIJ			
IN ARABIC			-0-
MANAMA AL-ADWA' IN			
ARABIC			-0-
MANAMA AL-MAWAQIF			
IN ARABIC			-0-
MANAMA SADA AL-USBU'			
IN ARABIC			-0-
MANAMA GULF DAILY NEWS			
IN ENGLISH			530
MANAMA GULF MIRROR IN			
ENGLISH			130

CLANDESTINE

(CLANDESTINE) VOICE OF ISLAMIC			
REVOLUTION OF AFGHANISTAN			
IN DARI		-0-	
(CLANDESTINE) VOICE OF ISLAMIC			
REVOLUTION OF AFGHANISTAN			
IN PASHTO		600	
(CLANDESTINE) VOICE OF AL-AHVAZ			
REVOLUTION IN ARABIC		-0-	

(CLANDESTINE) FREE VOICE OF IRAN	
IN PERSIAN	510
(CLANDESTINE) VOICE OF MOJAHED	
IN PERSIAN	-0-
(CLANDESTINE) RADIO IRAN IN	
PERSIAN	170
(CLANDESTINE) VOICE OF THE	
LIBERATION OF IRAN IN PERSIAN	3,260

IRAN

TEHRAN INTERNATIONAL SERVICE	
IN ARABIC	11,500
TEHRAN TELEVISION SERVICE	
IN ARABIC	-0-
TEHRAN INTERNATIONAL SERVICE	
IN RUSSIAN	-0-
TEHRAN INTERNATIONAL SERVICE	
IN TURKISH	1,630
MASHHAD INTERNATIONAL SERVICE	
IN DARI	190
MASHHAD INTERNATIONAL SERVICE	
IN PASHTO	-0-
TABRIZ INTERNATIONAL SERVICE	
IN AZERI	3,630
TEHRAN DOMESTIC SERVICE	
IN PERSIAN	24,610
TEHRAN DOMESTIC SERVICE	
IN SURANI KURDISH	-0-
TEHRAN DOMESTIC SERVICE	
IN BAH DINANI KURDISH	-0-
TEHRAN TELEVISION SERVICE	
IN PERSIAN	350
TEHRAN TELEVISION SERVICE	
IN ENGLISH	-0-
AHVAZ DOMESTIC SERVICE	
IN PERSIAN	2,660
BAKHTARAN DOMESTIC SERVICE	
IN PERSIAN	160
BANDAR 'ABBAS DOMESTIC SERVICE	
IN PERSIAN	1,880
BUSHEHR DOMESTIC SERVICE	
IN PERSIAN	390
ESFAHAN DOMESTIC SERVICE	
IN PERSIAN	-0-
MASHHAD DOMESTIC SERVICE	
IN PERSIAN	-0-
SHIRAZ DOMESTIC SERVICE	
IN PERSIAN	-0-
TABRIZ DOMESTIC SERVICE	
IN ARMENIAN	-0-
TABRIZ DOMESTIC SERVICE	
IN AZERI	-0-
TABRIZ DOMESTIC SERVICE	
IN PERSIAN	110
ZAHEDAN DOMESTIC SERVICE	
IN PERSIAN	-0-
TEHRAN IRNA IN	
ARABIC	-0-
TEHRAN AL-SHAHID	
IN ARABIC	700
TEHRAN KEYHAN AL-'ARABI	
IN ARABIC	-0-
TEHRAN KAYHAN INTERNATIONAL	
IN ENGLISH	-0-

TEHRAN ETTALA'AT IN	
PERSIAN	-0-
TEHRAN JOMHURI-YE ESLAMI	
IN PERSIAN	-0-
TEHRAN KEYHAN IN	
PERSIAN	5,980
TEHRAN KEYHAN HAVA'I	
IN PERSIAN	-0-

IRAQ

BAGHDAD TELEVISION SERVICE	
IN PERSIAN	430
BAGHDAD DOMESTIC SERVICE	
IN ARABIC	350
BAGHDAD DOMESTIC SERVICE	
IN SURANI KURDISH	-0-

KUWAIT

KUWAIT AL-ANBA'	
IN ARABIC	1,640
KUWAIT AL-QABAS	
IN ARABIC	12,850
KUWAIT AL-RA'Y AL-'AMM	
IN ARABIC	5,040
KUWAIT AL-SIYASAH IN	
ARABIC	5,170
KUWAIT AL-WATAN	
IN ARABIC	10,750
KUWAIT ARAB TIMES IN	
ENGLISH	6,450

OMAN

MUSCAT DOMESTIC SERVICE	
IN ARABIC	4,970
SALALAH DOMESTIC SERVICE	
IN ARABIC	1,370
MUSCAT 'UMAN IN	
ARABIC	490
MUSCAT 'UMMAN AL-USBU'I	
IN ARABIC	150
MUSCAT QNA IN	
ARABIC	1,150

PAKISTAN

ISLAMABAD THE MUSLIM	
IN ENGLISH	740
KARACHI DAWN	
IN ENGLISH	630
KARACHI JASARAT IN	
URDU	990
KARACHI MASHRIQ IN	
URDU	840

KARACHI NAWA-E WAQT		
IN URDU		1,220
LAHORE JANG IN		
URDU		4,470
RAWALPINDI HAIDAR IN		
URDU		240
RAWALPINDI THE PAKISTAN TIMES		
IN ENGLISH		2,800

QATAR

DOHA DOMESTIC SERVICE		
IN ARABIC	2,640	
DOHA TELEVISION SERVICE		
IN ARABIC	-0-	
DOHA QNA IN		
ARABIC		14,180

SAUDI ARABIA

JEDDAH DOMESTIC SERVICE		
IN ARABIC	5,520	
RIYADH DOMESTIC SERVICE		
IN ARABIC	12,320	
RIYADH TELEVISION SERVICE		
IN ARABIC	180	
RIYADH TELEVISION SERVICE		
IN ENGLISH	-0-	
RIYADH SPA IN		
ARABIC		9,030
AL-DAMMAM AL-YAWM IN		
ARABIC		-0-
JEDDAH AL-MADINAH IN		
ARABIC		-0-

SUDAN

OMDURMAN DOMESTIC SERVICE		
IN ARABIC	-0-	
KHARTOUM SUNA IN		
ARABIC		2,310

UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS

MOSCOW IN PERSIAN TO		
IRAN	4,290	
BAKU INTERNATIONAL SERVICE		
IN PERSIAN	-0-	
BAKU INTERNATIONAL SERVICE		
IN AZERI	3,850	
DUSHANBE INTERNATIONAL SERVICE		
IN PERSIAN	-0-	
TASHKENT INTERNATIONAL SERVICE		
IN PERSIAN	-0-	
TASHKENT INTERNATIONAL SERVICE		
IN UIGHUR	-0-	
TASHKENT INTERNATIONAL SERVICE		
IN UZBEK	2,410	
YEREVAN INTERNATIONAL SERVICE		
IN ARMENIAN	-0-	
ALMA-ATA DOMESTIC SERVICE		
IN RUSSIAN	1,230	

ASHKHABAD DOMESTIC SERVICE		
IN RUSSIAN	-0-	
ASHKHABAD DOMESTIC SERVICE		
IN TURKMEN	350	
BAKU DOMESTIC SERVICE		
IN AZERI	2,480	
BAKU DOMESTIC SERVICE		
IN RUSSIAN	-0-	
DUSHANBE DOMESTIC SERVICE		
IN RUSSIAN	1,140	
TASHKENT DOMESTIC SERVICE		
IN RUSSIAN	330	
TASHKENT DOMESTIC SERVICE		
IN UZBEK	7,600	
YEREVAN DOMESTIC SERVICE IN		
ARMENIAN	1,810	
 UNITED ARAB EMIRATES		

ABU DHABI DOMESTIC SERVICE		
IN ARABIC	6,420	
DUBAYY DOMESTIC SERVICE		
IN ARABIC	-0-	
ABU DHABI WAM		
IN ARABIC		7,850
ABU DHABI AL-ITTIHAD		
IN ARABIC		2,750
ABU DHABI AL-ITTIHAD AL-USBU'I		
IN ARABIC		600
AL-SHARIQAH AL-KHALIJ		
IN ARABIC		16,230
DUBAYY AL-BAYAN		
IN ARABIC		1,880
DUBAYY KHALEEJ TIMES		
IN ENGLISH		2,600
 UNITED KINGDOM		

LONDON AL-MAJALIS		
IN ARABIC		1,020
LONDON ASGHAR AQA		
IN PERSIAN		-0-
LONDON KEYHAN IN		
PERSIAN		4,860
 PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF YEMEN (PDRY)		

ADEN DOMESTIC SERVICE IN		
ARABIC	82,540	
ADEN VOICE OF PALESTINE		
IN ARABIC	1,780	
ADEN ANA IN		
ARABIC		-0-
ADEN ANA IN		
ENGLISH		-0-
 YEMEN ARAB REPUBLIC (YAR)		

SANAA DOMESTIC SERVICE		
IN ARABIC	14,990	
SANAA VOICE OF PALESTINE		
IN ARABIC	3,950	
SANAA AL-THAWRAH		
IN ARABIC		-0-